(d) whether Government propose to initiate eviction proceedings against the said agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The two Hindi news agencies are Hindustan Samachar Co-operative Ltd. and Samachar Bharti which are in occupation of bungalow No. 2-D, 4-D, 6-D and 8-D, Connaught Lane and bungalow No. 13 Ferozeshah Road respectively. Both the agencies are defaulting in payment of rent for which appropriate action under the rules is in progress.

(b) and (c) It has just come to the notice that in the open space adjoining bungalow No. 2-D and 4-D, Connaught Lane a Dhabha is being run unauthorisedly.

(d) Appropriate action is being taken under the rules.

Coverage of news about the USSR Delegation

2081. SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent visit of a nine-member high level delegation from the Central Asian Republics of the USSR (April 9—16, 1988) was ignored by the All India Radio and Doordarshan News Units; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to revamp these news units?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) During the period April 9—16, 1988 three delegations from USSR visited India. The two more important delegations led by Deputy Chairman of the USSR State Planning Committee and the Deputy Minister were noticed by AIR in its news bulletions. The third delegation of Soviet Enterprises was not covered by AIR and neither PTI/UNI. News agencies creeded any story or give any press release to AIR/Doordarshan.

Irregularities in fixation of seniority in the DDA

2082. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of irregularities have been brought to the notice of the DDA regarding fixation of the seniority of promotees from the post of Mates to the Post of Assistant Superviser during the year 1984 onwards, in the Western Division;

(b) whether all the representations have been considered and irregularities removed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and by when the matter is likely to be settled by the DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The DDA has informed that some representations have been received against the promotion of Mates to Assistant Superviser in DDA. The seniority list of Mates has, however, not yet been finalised. The seniority of the cadres are being prepared/published taking into consideration all employees of the Authority working in the various Branches/ Deptts. and not specifically of the Western Division.

(b) The representations received in this regard have been considered by the DDA and some of them have been decided.

(c) The remaining representations are being examined by the DDA and are expected to be decided shortly.